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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. I Timothy 6:5.

Danger of Mr. K

Clifton Daniel, of the New York Times, told North Carolina newsmen last week that the Russian people, like those of the United States, are equally interested in peace and anxious to avoid war.

He had some other observations, following his recent journey to Moscow and other European capitals, among them:

1) Russia had come a long way economically in the five years since he'd been in Moscow, with a highly improved standard of living and quantitative increase in housing. He added that the construction is poor and some of the five-year-ago construction is cracking and crumbling.

2) He saw more jet planes at the Moscow airport than he had seen at any airport anywhere, ever.

3) Actual commodities now appear in shop windows, rather than the paper-mache models of 1955, an indication of the increased supply of food and other consumer goods.

Against this backdrop, Mr. Daniel gave his assessment of Nikita Khrushchev. The Russian boss, he said, is hard to read, particularly when he is angry. "It's hard to know whether Khrushchev is acting or actually angry," he commented.

It was Mr. Daniel's opinion that the Russian boss was angry indeed at the summit conference, largely as a result of President Eisenhower's acceptance of full responsibility of the U-2 spy plane incident. Since 1955, he noted, the Russian press had built the image of the President into one of peace. The Eisenhower statement embarrassed Khrushchev into extreme anger.

A man subject to such extreme temperament Mr. Daniel regards as highly dangerous at any time and more particularly when he has the means, by the push of a button, to throw the world into the abyss of a nuclear war.

The conclusion: The United States can do nothing less than maintain a full arsenal of both offensive and defensive weapons of most modern design, which, he feels, has been the chief deterrent to a shooting war between Russia and the Western World.

Freedom Too Soon?

The troubles in the former Belgian Congo are another chapter in the series since World War II in which colonial nations have been freed from their former owners.

The rioting in French Morocco are not too distant to remember and there have been similar disorders throughout the Middle East and in other places on the globe.

Nearby, just 90 miles from Miami, the world can see the example of Cuba, and in Japan, just 15 years ago a soon-to-be conquered enemy of the United States, President Eisenhower was unable to meet an appointment and the Japanese premier has been stabbed.

The United States can take much credit for the spirit of nationalism which has swept the globe in increasing crescendo since World War II. First, the United States came into being as a result of a war by colonialists against what the colonists felt was the British aggressor. In addition, the national posture is one of encouraging freedom for nations which want to be free.

The British were incensed, during World War II, when the late President Roosevelt, in effect, urged India to seek an end to the colonial ties with Great Britain.

It is rather patent, from the troubles extant, that many nations desire freedom when they aren't yet ready to accept the responsibility for freedom. Too often, a literate clique in a small nation seeks freedom to aggrandize its own people.

In the instance of Cuba, it would appear that America is now reaping the woes of granting Cuba full independence too soon. Cuba's deposed government was shot through with corruption; yet the government of Castro is brutal and carnivorous, with no regard for life, limb, or private property.

Meantime, the nation continues a foreign aid program which, in many instances, sustains in power many weak governments which, for handouts, are thought to be friendly.

Democratic Ticket

There was only one major surprise out of the Democratic convention, once it had been convened in Los Angeles.

This was the nomination, and by acclamation, of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, the Texan, for vice-president. Prior to the weekend before the convention opening, Senator Johnson was the only candidate given much chance of stopping the bandwagon of Jack Kennedy for the top spot. Additionally, being a Southerner, he was the last bulwark of opposition representing the Old South, even though Mr. Johnson himself had proved himself somewhat ahead of Old South thinking.

Surprise came from two quarters. It was deemed amazing that Senator Johnson would accept the vice-presidential nomination, in view of his eminent position of Senate majority leader, and equally amazing that Senator Kennedy would offer it.

Both situations occurred, and many feel the ticket has the best "balance" it has presented in many quadrennial election years.

From the South's standpoint, Senator Johnson must be considered much more than a mere token piece of change thrown to the South, for there is no comparison between the eminence of Senator Johnson and his immediate predecessor nominees, Senators Estes Kefauver and John Sparkman. As majority leader of the Senate with a Republican executive branch, Senator Johnson has steered the opposition on the moderate path of responsibility, where legislation was supported for the welfare of the nation, rather than the Democratic party per se.

In Senator Kennedy, his pronouncements at and since the convention attest, the Democrats have a presidential nominee who is much more mature than his 43 years would indicate. He has already proved himself an able vote-getter, both in primaries and in convention, an able political architect. More important, he has steered his party and perhaps the nation away from the safety and security blandishments familiar to the government's leadership of the past two administrations.

Security, like peace and happiness, is a will-o-the-wisp of relativity.

The Democratic standard-bearers have already indicated they won't be hedging the issues and, in contrast, will deal in specifics rather than in bromidic generalities.

Meantime, a nation satiate with Cuba, the Congo, Russian threats and the failure of personal diplomacy, can look forward to an oratorical autumn full of fireworks.

And the Democratic dissidents, on sober second thought, can look hard before finding a ticket more suitable to all the major segments of this heterogeneous party, be the segment South, North, East or West.

Reporters Get "A's"

It became obvious before the Democratic convention opened at Los Angeles either that Jack Kennedy already had the nomination for President in his hip-pocket, or that the vast battery of reporters representing the wire services, individual newspapers, television and radio networks were inebriated en masse.

It was shortly to be proved that the reporters for the nation's vast communications industry were quite sober, indeed.

It was a source of disappointment for the candidates in the also-ran class and also for a nation of viewers who had transferred their sports allegiance from baseball diamond to the big Los Angeles Coliseum.

Reporters are a somewhat maligned group anyway. Makers of the news cuss 'em when the news isn't suiting their particular desires and, especially in politics, readers frequently do, too.

But at Los Angeles, the reporters proved their objectivity. They predicted outcomes on the basis of their leg work, and their predictions were on the nose. Give the reporters "A" for excellence.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
 Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
 Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdose.

Though several familiar faces were missing last weekend, the North Carolina Press association had one of its more enjoyable and successful conventions, which, incidentally, was Number 88.

Some faces were missing due to the conflicting dates of the Los Angeles Democratic clambake. Political reporters had to work first and, in spite of the troubles in the Congo, Cuba and Russian difficulties, the Democratic convention was top billing for several of the press group regulars at conventions.

Some were missing permanently. Saturday morning's memorial period for deceased members was longer than desirable or usual, no less than 12 members having died during the year, including a father-son newspapering combination at Mt. Airy.

But, in spite of his connections with former President Harry Truman, Clifton Daniel, the former North Carolinian, now assistant managing editor of the New York Times, ignored Los Angeles to fill the top speaking spot on the convention program.

He laughed that many New York friends couldn't understand his failure to be at Los Angeles. The answer, he said, was simple. "I told them," he said, "that I was not a political reporter of the New York Times, nor was I a delegate." He added, in obvious reference to his father-in-law's decision to stay in Missouri, "And I really didn't know anyone who was going to be there."

Another story he told concerned his wife and the difficulties people in the public eye encounter trying to live like plain people. He and Margaret had been lolling in Central Park with their two boys, decided it was time to move home-ward at the 5:30 rush hour, when Fifth Avenue, which they had to cross, was a mess of traffic. Mother Margaret was worried that the elder child might dart in front of traffic and get bumped off and was holding him with a firm grip.

About half-way across the avenue, a woman passer-by grabbed at her sleeve and said, "You're Margaret Truman!" Needless to say, Mother Margaret was exasperated, replied, "No, I'm not!"

The passer-by was not to be denied. "Oh, yes you are. That fellow with you is your husband, Clifton Daniel. I've seen his picture in the newspapers."

It was a facetious tale, of course, for Mrs. Daniel, by virtue of former residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., as an eligible daughter of a President, has been the subject of copious newspaper film-on-newsprint.

Newsman Daniel's performance on the rostrum effectively changed a one-time theory that newspaper folk might be able to write, but that speaking should be left to preachers, lawyers and politicians. Actually, the newspaper folk have been improving with the years and now the top-drawer representatives of the fourth estate are as good speakers as any and better than many. As a category, retired generals are at the bottom of the speaker list in my book.

The convention gathered at beautiful Grove Park Inn, a favorite meeting place for many years. I've attended four conventions at Grove Park since 1950. Addition of a heated swimming pool a few seasons ago ended the last complaints of that segment of the press which enjoys swimming.

Some folk are not aware that Grove Park Inn was built by a patent medicine king. He would be more familiarly known by citizens ripe enough to remember bouts with Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic and Grove's Cold Tablets. A lady employee of the hotel, now owned by the Jack Tar chain, guessed she had consumed enough of the cold tablets to have furnished the cash for at least one of the massive piers supporting the slate roof.

I must have been about ten years old the first time I visited Grove Park Inn. I was impressed by the massiveness and spaciousness and absolutely amazed when I learned the lady I was visiting was a winter resident at the huge depression-time rate of \$7 per day. It's a little more than \$7 these days, even at special convention rates.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHAT SORT OF GOVERNOR

Already many people are asking what sort of Governor Terry Sanford will make; this despite the fact that the Democratic nominee chosen in the run-off primary still has to defeat Robert L. Gavin, the G. O. P. nominee, who, regardless of North Carolina's traditional Democracy, is capable of putting up a real battle.

But, to rephrase the question, what sort of Governor will Sanford make if or when he takes over the Executive Mansion from Luther Hartwell Hodges?

There is nothing special to distinguish the Democratic nominee as a result of his single term in the State Senate. He showed organizational ability and demonstrated something of his philosophy of government as manager of W. Kerr Scott's U. S. Senate campaign in 1954. Since then he has built up a lucrative law practice in his home city of Fayetteville, with several large corporations among his clients, and Charles A. Cannon, Kannapolis textile magnate, credited with being one of his supporters in the gubernatorial campaign which he has just won.

In the campaign itself Sanford preached unceasingly a "go-forward" doctrine for North Carolina. Placing major emphasis on education and moderation as reflected in the Pearsall Plan, the winning candidate repeatedly declared that North Carolina must continue with all force and effectiveness its industrialization program. Along with that firm commitment went a promise of added attention to the agricultural problems and a greater effort to solve them.

Governor Scott concentrated upon rural development, centering around secondary roads, rural electrification and farm telephones. Governor Hodges has been the state's supersalesman in attracting new and expanding industry, creating a climate attractive to business and gaining jobs and payrolls to store up a sagging economy and absorb labor left idle by a changing agriculture. The Hodges emphasis has been upon higher living standards, increased per capita income and new tax sources.

If records, signs and omens mean anything, it is that Terry Sanford will be a blend of Scott and Hodges. He will be a go-forward leadership but it could provide a balance, a closer tie-in of agriculture and industry, which would be particularly applicable to North Carolina's needs and opportunities at a testing juncture in the state's history.

Fate often has a way of bringing the man and the need together. And in North Carolina, this could be it. — Greensboro Daily News

'AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS'

We are amazed — but not for the desired reason — at the number of ads that start out: "Amaze your friends . . ." or "Imagine your neighbor's surprise when they see your new . . ."

We are amazed, all right — and annoyed.

"Be the envy of your neighbors," says the come-on for chrysanthemum plants.

"Startle your visitors," urges another, selling blueprints of guided missiles (presumably obsolete or unsuccessful) to mount in one's den or playroom.

"Mystify other motorists," crows a third, about a simulated police antenna stuck to a car roof with a suction cup.

All this implies that customers should not only buy what they may need or want, but should do so entirely to affect someone else. — The Christian Science Monitor.

WHICH PHILOSOPHY WILL WE ADOPT IN NOVEMBER?

It is becoming more and more difficult for a discerning voter to tell the difference between the Democratic and Republican philosophies of government. There are few average voters today who can tell you whether there is any difference.

Unfortunately, most of the voters vote the way they do because their fathers voted that way. In North Carolina and the rest of the south, the faithful never bother to ask a candidate what his philosophy is. All most of them want to know is what label he wears — Democrat or Republican.

In Tar Heelia, you have to wear the Democratic label to be given serious consideration for any state office. Here and there some few Republicans can win local elections — except to county school boards, of course.

Stated briefly (and perhaps an oversimplification) the philosophy of the Republican party is this:

A maximum of private enterprise and private choice by the people on how and for what they shall spend their money. A minimum of government control of the economy and reduced government spending for those things we can afford.

Naturally, this philosophy has to be modified somewhat to make allowances for government growth. But generally speaking, Republicans believe that the function of government is to provide those services which private enterprise cannot.

The Democratic philosophy (again perhaps oversimplified) is more government control of the economy, more spending by the federal government even at the risk of huge federal deficits.

Many liberal Democrats believe the people are spending too much of their money for things they don't really need just because high-pressure advertising campaigns make us want more and better goods.

These same liberal Democrats believe this "extra" cash should be siphoned off in the form of higher taxes which could be spent better by the government for schools, hospitals and other public improvements.

We would be the first to admit that these are not hard and fast definitions of the philosophies of our two political parties. But generally speaking, they are pretty near what each party believes.

The question in our mind is: which of these philosophies will the voters adopt in November? We hope you'll give it some serious thought and cast your ballot for what you think is best for the nation. — Mooresville Tribune.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1950 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Rev. Thomas Leary Cashwell, Jr., pastor of Indian Creek Baptist church at Georgetown, Ind., has accepted a call to serve as pastor of First Baptist church of Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain and Shelby American Legion Junior base ball teams are scheduled to tangle at City Stadium here Friday and Saturday nights.

Social and Personal
 Mrs. W. L. Ramseur was hostess on Tuesday to members of her bridge club and two invited guests, Mrs. Paul Hendricks and Mrs. Don Blanton.

Mrs. I. B. Goforth was hostess on Friday night to members of the Social club and additional guests at her home on West Mountain street.

Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord delightfully entertained members of the Hi-Lo Bridge club and guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeter Friday night.

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